

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JANUARY 28, 2013
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
308 WEST MILTON STREET
HDP-2012-0431

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1930 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, pyramidoid hipped-roofed frame house with a partial-width inset porch on the right side of the front façade; 4:4 and 1:1 fenestration; non-historic asbestos shingle-style siding.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built in the winter of 1930-31 by Augustine Delgado, who apparently built it as a rental unit, as he is never listed as an occupant of the house. The address first appears in the 1930-31 city directory, but the house is listed as vacant. The first occupants were Porfirio (P.G.) and Benigna Sosa, who lived here until around 1939. Porfirio Sosa was born in Caldwell County, Texas to Mexican-born parents; they farmed in Caldwell and Travis Counties until around 1930, when they moved into Austin and Porfirio's father went to work laying pipe for the City Street and Bridge Department, and Porfirio worked as a plumber's helper. Porfirio and Benigna Sosa married around 1931; he is still shown as single in the 1930 U.S. Census report, but he and Benigna appear in the 1932-33 city directory as the occupants of this house. Porfirio Sosa worked as a laborer for R.W. Gissell, a prominent South Austin plumbing and heating contractor. Around 1939, they moved to 405 West Milton Street, a house they owned, according to the 1940 U.S. Census report.

Charles and Eleanor McAtee rented this house in 1940 and lived here until around 1943. Charles McAtee had been a farm laborer in rural Travis County at the time of World War I, worked as a tourist camp janitor in 1940, and is listed as a laborer in the 1941 city directory showing him and Eleanor at this address. His World War I draft registration card reveals that he was deaf and dumb. James C. and Allie Pond were the next occupants of the house; in 1940, they had lived next door, at 310 West Milton Street (his brother had lived at 312 West Milton). James Pond is listed as a driver in the 1944-45 city directory; the 1940 U.S. Census listed him as a laborer for the City Street Department. The Ponds lived here until around 1946, when the house was then rented to Melvin Pannell, a cab driver, and his wife, Idabel. Fred Castro, who later owned Castro Cleaners, is listed as the owner and occupant of the house in the 1949 city directory; he and his wife Mary lived here until around 1951. Tillie West, a widow, who worked as a waitress at the East Avenue Inn, a beer joint, lived here in the early 1950s. The house was vacant in the late 1950s, and then rented by a series of tenants from the early 1960s to the present.

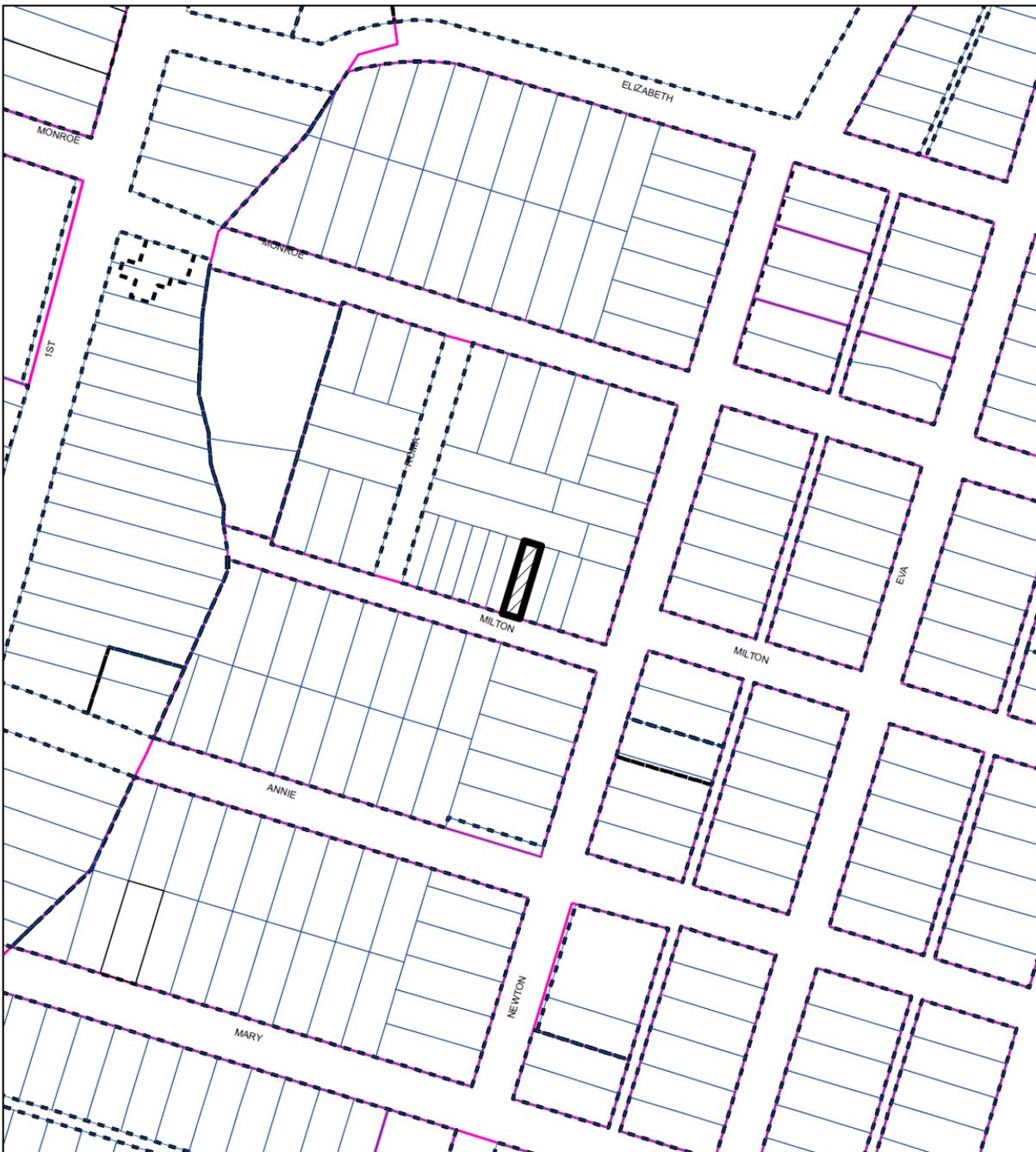
STAFF COMMENTS

The house is listed in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984) but without a priority for research.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the demolition permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history for archiving at the Austin History Center.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2012-0431
LOCATION: 308 W Milton Street



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308 West Milton Street
ca. 1930





OCCUPANCY HISTORY 308 West Milton Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
December, 2012

1992	Julio C. Galvan, renter No occupation listed
1985-86	Julio C. Galvan, renter No occupation listed
1981	Alfredo G. and Maria A. Gutierrez, renters Operator, Austin Transit
1977	Trine and Dolores Madrias, renters Employed by Charles Mont (not listed in the directory) NOTE: The directory indicates that Trine and Dolores Madrias were new residents at this address.
1973	Raul and Alicia Melendez, renters No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Raul and Alicia Melendez were new residents at this address.
1969	Ferdinando and Manuela Ochoa, renters Laborer, Woodward Furniture, 118 E. Alpine Road

- 1962 Ferdinando and Manuela Ochoa, renters
Laborer (no place of employment listed)
- 1958 Vacant
- 1954 Tillie West, owner
Widow, Andrew West
No occupation listed
- 1952 Tillie West, renter
Waitress, East Avenue Inn, beer, 517 East Avenue.
- 1949 Fred and Mary Castro, owners
Cleaner
NOTE: Tillie West is not listed in the directory.
- 1947 Melvin A. and Idabel Pannell, renters
Driver, Yellow Cab Company
- 1944-45 James C. and Allie Pond, renters
Driver
Also listed is Eva Pond, an usher at the Paramount Theater.
- 1941 Charles and Eleanora McAtee, renters
Laborer
- 1939 Porfirio and Benigna Sosa, owners
Laborer, R.W. Gissell, plumbing and heating contractor, 1706 South Congress
Avenue.
- 1937 Porfirio and Benigna Sosa (not listed as owners)
Laborer, R.W. Gissell, plumbing and heating contractor, 1706 South Congress
Avenue.
- 1935 Porfirio and Benigna Sosa, renters
Laborer, R.W. Gissell, plumbing and heating contractor, 1706 South Congress
Avenue.
- 1932-33 Porfirio and Benigna Sosa, renters
No occupation listed
- 1930-31 Vacant
- 1929 The address is not listed in the directory.

NOTE: The address does not appear in the 1930 U.S. Census report. It is significant to note, however, that the odd side of the 300 block of West Milton Street was populated entirely with African-American families.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Porfirio and Benigna Sosa (ca. 1931 – ca. 1939)

Porfirio and Benigna Sosa appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the owners of the house at 405 West Milton Street. Porfirio Sosa was then 31, had been born in Texas, and was a laborer for a

plumbing contractor. Benigna Sosa was then 30 and had been born in Texas. They had four children: Adolfo, 5, Isabel, 4, Ernest, 2, and Victor, 8 months. All of the children had been born in Texas.

The 1910 U.S. Census shows that Porfirio Sosa was the 1-year old son of Christoval and Porfiria Sosa, farmers in Caldwell County, Texas. Both Christoval and Porfiria Sosa had been born in Mexico. The 1920 U.S. Census shows the Sosa family living on a rented farm in Travis County. The family included 7 children; Porfirio was the second oldest, at 10 years old. The 1930 U.S. Census shows "Peter" Sosa still living with his family, now at 720 W. Monroe Street in Austin. "Peter" Sosa was a plumber's helper; his father laid pipe for the City Street and Bridge Department.

MRS. BENIGNA SOSA.
 Rosary will be recited at 7:30
 p.m. Friday at Angel Funeral
 Home for Mrs. Benigna Sosa.
 Requiem mass will be offered
 at 10 a.m. Saturday at San Jose
 Catholic Church with Rev. Jo-
 seph Houser, CSC officiating.
 Burial will follow in Assumption
 Cemetery.
 Her survivors include her hus-
 band, P. G. Sosa; a daughter,
 Mrs. Isabel Huerta; three sons,
 Adolph U. Sosa, Ernest Sosa,
 and Victor Sosa; mother, Mrs.
 Felipa Uriegas; a sister, Mrs.
 Rufina Bargas; four brothers,
 Cassimiro Uriegas, Jose Urte-
 gas and Valentin Uriegas, all
 from Austin, Mauricio Uriegas
 from Galveston; and eight
 grandchildren.

Obituary of Benigna Sosa
 Austin American, April 24, 1964

MRS. BENIGNA SOSA

Rosary was recited at Angel Funeral Home Friday for Mrs. Benigna Sosa. Requiem mass will be offered Saturday at 10 a.m. at San Jose Catholic Church by Rev. Joseph Houser. Burial will follow in Assumption Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be L. B. Kasberg, Y. G. Sosa, Jesus G. Sosa, Roberto Bargas, Gabino Moreno Jr., and Jeronimo Estrada.

Funeral notice for Benigna Sosa
Austin American-Statesman, April 25, 1964

Porfirio (P. G.) Sosa

Porfirio (P. G.) Sosa of Austin passed away Wednesday.

He was a plumbing contractor in Austin.

Survivors include his wife, Angelina Sosa; daughter, Isabel Huerta; sons, Adolph U., Ernest U., and Victor U. Sosa; brothers, Marvin, Ysidro, Ben and Chris Sosa, all of Austin; sisters, Frances Loera, Lenor Towns, Lupe Amato, all of Austin, Porfiria Mokarzel, Houston, Louise Soliz, New Braunfels; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Rosary services, 7:30 PM Friday from Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home, Chapel of the Bells. Funeral Mass, Saturday, 10:30 AM from San Jose Catholic Church. Burial in Assumption Cemetery.

Obituary of Porfirio Sosa
Austin American-Statesman, October 7, 1983

Charles and Eleanor McAtee (ca. 1940 – ca. 1943)

Charles and Eleanor McAtee are listed as the renters of this house in the 1940 U.S. Census report. Charles McAtee was then 47, had been born in Arkansas, and was a janitor at a tourist camp. Eleanor McAtee was then 34 and had been born in Illinois. She had no occupation listed. They had two daughters, Virginia, 12, who had been born in Oklahoma, and Thelma, 10, who had been born in Texas.

Form 1 3009 REGISTRATION CARD No. 21

1 Name as full Charles H. McAtee (Family name) Age in yrs 24

2 Home address (City) (State) (County) Austin Texas

3 Date of birth July 24 1892

4 Occupation (specify what?) Natural born citizen

5 Where born Newhope Arkansas (Name) (State) (County) Ark. Co.

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Farm labor 30

8 By whom employed? H. F. & Hugh Krueger

9 Where employed? H. F. & Hugh Krueger's farm

10 Married or single? Single Race, specify what? White

11 What military service have you had? Rank Cadet

12 Do you have any physical defects? Yes, deaf and dumb

I certify that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

Charles McAtee (Signature of registrant)

42-1-69-A

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1 Is the medium or short sighted? Mediums. Is the medium or long sighted? Mediums.

2 Color of eyes? Gray Color of hair? Blond Hair? No

3 Has person before, by hand, foot or both eyes, or in any other or disabled spots? No

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Hugh E. Krueger (Signature of Registrar)

Product 19

City or County Travis Co.

State Texas June 25 1917 (Date of registration)

Local Board of ...
State of Texas, Austin, TEXAS

Charles McAtee's World War I draft registration card shows that he had been born at Newhope, Arkansas in 1892, worked as a farm laborer in rural Austin, and was deaf and dumb.

James C. and Allie Pond (ca. 1943 – ca. 1946)

James C. and Allie Pond are listed as the renters of 310 West Milton Street in the 1940 U.S. Census. James Pond was then 37, had been born in Texas, and was a laborer for the City street department. Allie Pond was then 35 and had been born in Texas. She had no occupation listed. They had three daughters, Eva, 10, Ruby, 6, and Jimmie Fay, 3. All of the girls had been born in Texas. The 1940 U.S. Census also shows that at 312 West Milton lived John and Gladys Pond, who owned their house. John Pond was 39, so must have been the older brother of James Pond. John Pond was also a laborer for the City street department; his wife, Gladys was a checker at a laundry.

Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinances, do not turn on the water.

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE AUSTIN, TEXAS **INDEXED**

Augustine M. Delgado Address 308 W. Milton St.

Number Schutze Size of Tap 2 Date 12-15-30

Foreman's Report

Date of Connection 12/17/30

Size of Tap Made 3/4

Size Service Made 3/4

Size Main Tapped 6" CI 2 1/2"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 6'

From Prop. Line to Curb Cock 6' 2"

Location of Meter at curb

Type of Box Wood

Depth of Main in St. 18"

Depth of Service Line 18"

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 33'

Checked by Engr. Dept. 1-15-31

INDEXED

No. Filings	1 Curb Cock	5 1/2"	1 St. Elbow	3/4"	1 Bushing	3/4" x 1/2"	1 Isolation Valve	3/4"	1 Meter Comp.	3/4" x 1/2"	1 Union	2 1/2"	1 Plug	1 Tee	1 Stop	1 Bar	1 Lid	Pages	1-2	Reg. No.	5462
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Foreman's Signature **BENSON**

Water service permit to Augustine M. Delgado (1930)

Connecting Charge \$17.00

Application for Sewer Connection. No 9923

Austin, Texas, 1915

To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements,
City of Austin, Texas.

Sir:-

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by Augustina M Delgado at 308 West 12th St Street which place is to be used as a Residence and Party 6

In this place there are to be installed one fixtures.

I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance charge.

Respectfully, Augustina M Delgado

Location of Public Sewer Under 12th St

Sub Out. 4" Dia 4' HL 7' W of E of C

Connected 12-19 1930 O.K. 25 W of C

Size of Main 6 inches 1/2" Dia

Size of Service 4 inches 1/2" Dia

5 Feet Deep

10 Feet from Property Line West

10 Feet from Curb Line

Inspected by J. E. Clark

Connection made by W. C. ...

12-19-30

Sewer connection application by Augustine Delgado (1930)